



Department of
Taxation

Scan Specifications for the 2012 Ohio IT 941

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The following document (**2012 IT 941**) contains grids for placement of information on this specific tax form. To accurately print, do not reduce the size, rotate or center this document. Doing so will jeopardize the integrity of the grid. When printing from Adobe Reader, please select "None" for "Page Scaling," which is under "Page Handling."

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Ohio Department of Taxation Scannable Tax Forms

1. Introduction:

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) prescribes the format of Ohio tax returns and forms. The department's primary objective is to ensure that the tax forms are compatible with the department's automated remittance processing systems and can be processed in an efficient, accurate and economical manner.

These guidelines are for computerized tax processors, software developers, computer programmers, commercial printers, and others who develop and use substitute and reproduced tax forms.

2. Definitions:

2.01 Substitute Tax Forms –

A form other than the official ODT form that is computer-produced, computer-programmed or commercially typeset and printed. ODT must be able to process substitute tax forms in the same manner as the official forms. Substitute tax forms that are electronically produced must duplicate the appearance and layout of the official form including size of margins, special keying symbols and line numbers.

2.02 Facsimile (Text Mode) Forms –

For filing purposes, ODT does not accept dot matrix facsimile signature returns and schedules. They do not contain the data-entry symbols and other requirements necessary for processing. Companies must clearly print in the top margin of electronically processed text mode forms: **“DO NOT FILE THIS FORM.”**

2.03 Scannable Tax Forms –

The computer-prepared scannable forms are similar to the official ODT tax forms with the following exceptions: 1) the taxpayer-entity information layout and 2) a scanline that contains the taxpayers' tax data.

2.04 Reproduced Tax Forms –

Reproduced tax forms are photocopies of the official ODT forms. ODT will accept reproductions of official forms if the reproductions are:

- 1) Facsimiles of the official form produced by photo-offset, photoengraving, photocopying or other similar reproduction processes;
- 2) Printed in black ink on white paper of substantially the same weight, texture and quality as the official forms;
- 3) Legible in both the original text of the form and the filled-in data, and
- 4) The same dimensions as the official form, including the paper and the image produced on it.

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2.05 ID Field –

The area where the name, address, account number/social security number are printed.

2.06 ICR-Readable Fields –

All fields that will be read using Intelligent Character Recognition (ICR) technology.

2.07 Line Item Text –

The text, including item numbers, specifying the information to be entered into a data field.

2.08 OCR-Readable Field –

The scanline field that will be read using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology.

2.09 Record Layout –

A 6-line-per-inch vertical (rows) and 10-characters-per-inch horizontal (column) spacing grid, specifying the exact placement of all fields and characters on the facsimile form is provided with each form specification to assist in proper spacing and alignment.

2.11 Data Field –

The specific space on the form where a numeric figure is entered.

3. Specifications:

3.01 Field Length –

Each form must contain the exact number of ID fields, line item texts and data fields, as the department-issued form.

3.02 Signature –

The signature, title and date area must be formatted in the same manner as the department-issued form.

3.03 Name and Address –

Name and address must be placed in the row and column specified in the grid format provided with each form.

3.04 Account/Social Security Number –

The account or social security numbers must be printed with spaces in the exact locations specified in the record layout. Masking of security numbers is required where noted on specific forms.

3.05 Scanline Font –

The OCR scanline must be printed using a fixed 10-pitch, OCR-A (12-point size) font. The use of Courier or OCR-B font is not permitted.

3.06 Scanline Position –

ODT remittance scanline reads from right to left. The bottom of the characters in the scanline must be $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch (with the exception of forms SD 101 and CAT 12, which is $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inch) from the bottom edge of the form and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the right edge. See grid layout and Scanline Specifications Format for exact location of scanline.

3.07 ICR –

Dollar signs (\$) are not permissible in ICR-readable fields. Commas and periods are not allowed as separators between the digits in ICR-readable fields. ICR fields are defined in the record layout of each form.

3.08 Total Remittance Field –

This is the remittance line on the form that shows the tax due amount and payment submitted with the form. This field is read by the Courtesy Amount Reader (CAR) on our remittance-processing equipment and requires a dollar sign (\$) followed by a space preceding the remitted amount. The total remittance field must also include a decimal point to separate the dollar and cents digits. (Example: \$ 12345.00)

3.09 OCR/ICR Fields –

Underlining or enclosing OCR/ICR readable data fields is not acceptable nor are vertical bars to be used to separate dollar and cents fields.

3.11 Finished Form Size –

Form size is as specified in the grid layout for each form. Extraneous borders are not permitted. Edges **MUST** be trimmed to meet specifications. **DO NOT HAND-CUT BOTTOM OR RIGHT SIDE OF FORM.**

3.11 Paper Requirement –

The paper must be white, high-quality bond paper with a minimum weight between 20 and 24 pounds.

3.12 Back of Form –

Forms must be printed on one side only, unless the form is a two sided form. If two-sided, see section 2.04.

3.13 Inks –

Forms must be printed using black ink, non-MICR (non-ferrous) ink or toner.

3.14 Shading –

The use of shading or solid black areas for sidebars, headings or other areas is not permitted unless specified on tax return samples.

3.15 Reference Marks –

On all scannable returns and vouchers there are target marks on the form. Exact locations of the target marks are listed on the grid layout for each form. Target marks must be a solid black box and should be .2”W x .167”H.

3.16 Software Scanline Developer Identification –

The software developer identification is a three-letter vendor registration number (VRN) that will be assigned to each developer who prints a scanline on a tax form. The identification will be assigned to you by the Ohio Department of Taxation. The three-digit VRN refers to the developer *who designs the software to perform the tax calculations* **and** *to the developer who designs the form templates*. The VRN must be printed on each document in the exact area specified on the form grid. The use of a standard font size is acceptable.

4. Testing:

All documents must be tested on ODT equipment before production runs. The ODT requests a certain amount (see section 8 for quantities) of test samples (cut to exact size) with the appropriate scanline and all data fields filled. Test documents must be submitted for approval to:

**Ohio Department of Taxation
Forms Printing Division
4485 Northland Ridge Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43229**

Note: When submitting your forms for approval, please attach form **STF – Approval Request for Scannable Tax Forms** with your order. This will allow us to communicate any required changes to a contact person within your organization.

5. Approval Process:

After you have submitted approval form STF, please allow two weeks for the Forms Printing Division to review and approve your order. You will receive written confirmation when your submittal has been approved.

6. Check Digit Routine (Modulus 10) For Scanline

- 1) Multiply each digit of the number by 1 or 2, starting from the left and going to the right. You will start with a 1 then 2, and continue this pattern to the end of that number.
- 2) Add all the digits together. Do not add the sum of the totals. For example, if your numbers are 1, 3, 4 and 19 your answer will be: $1 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 9 = 18$.
- 3) Divide the total from the digits by 10.
- 4) Subtract the remainder from 10. The answer is your check digit. **Note:** If your remainder is zero, your check digit will always be zero.

Note: This same procedure is followed for all check digit calculations throughout these specifications.

Example:

Check digit calculation for social security number and school district number:

Step 1 – Multiply each digit in the number by weights 121212.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (social security number)	2 5 0 9 (school district number)
X <u>1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1</u>	X <u>1 2 1 2</u>
1 4 3 8 5 12 7 16 9	2 10 0 18

Step 2 – The digits of the individual products are summed.

$$1 + 4 + 3 + 8 + 5 + 1 + 2 + 7 + 1 + 6 + 9 = 47 \qquad 2 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 1 + 8 = 12$$

Step 3 – Divide the sum by the modulus (10):

$\begin{array}{r} 4 \text{ (quotient)} \\ \text{(Modulus) } 10 \overline{)47} \\ \underline{40} \\ 7 \text{ (remainder)} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \text{ (quotient)} \\ \text{(Modulus) } 10 \overline{)12} \\ \underline{10} \\ 2 \text{ (remainder)} \end{array}$
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Step 4 – To compute the check digit:

Modulus – Remainder = Check Digit

$$10 - 7 = 3 \text{ (This is your check digit.)}$$

Modulus – Remainder = Check Digit

$$10 - 2 = 8 \text{ (This is your check digit.)}$$

Step 5 – Append a space and the check digit to the right of the number: The complete form for the social security number is 123456789 3 and for the school district number is 2509 8.

7. Check Digit for Scanline Payment Period

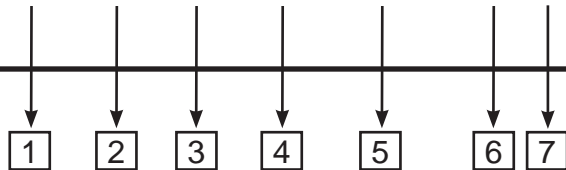
Form	Period	Check Digit	Form	Period	Check Digit	
IT 1040ES	0112–April 17, 2012	3		0312–Sept. 17, 2012	9	
	0212–June 15, 2012	1		0412–Jan. 15, 2013	7	
SD 100ES	0112–April 17, 2012	3		0312–Sept. 17, 2012	9	
	0212–June 15, 2012	1		0412–Jan. 15, 2013	7	
IT 501 (Quarterly)	130012–Jan-Mar 2012	8		150012–Jul-Sep 2012	3	
	140012–Apr-Jun 2012	6		160012–Oct-Dec 2012	1	
IT 501 (Monthly)	010012–Jan 2012	3		070012–Jul 2012	0	
	020012–Feb 2012	1		080012–Aug 2012	8	
	030012–Mar 2012	9		090012–Sep 2012	6	
	040012–Apr 2012	7		100012–Oct 2012	4	
	050012–May 2012	4		110012–Nov 2012	2	
	060012–Jun 2012	2		120012–Dec 2012	0	
IT 1041ES	0112–2 st Quarter	3		0312–3 rd Quarter	9	
IT 1140ES IT 4708ES	0212–2 nd Quarter	1		0412–4 th Quarter	7	
IT 1041EXT IT 1140EXT IT 4708EXT	0511–Extension Payment	6				
IT 941	002012–Jan-Dec 2012	3	FT 1120 E/ER/EX	2012–Tax Year	N/A	
IT 40P	0511–April 17, 2012	6	SD 40P	0511–April 17, 2012	6	
SD 101 (Monthly)	013112 - 01/31/12	8	SD 101 (Quarterly)	033112 - 03/31/12	4	
	022912- 02/29/12	0		063012 - 06/30/12	9	
	033112- 03/31/12	4		093012 - 09/30/12	3	
	043012- 04/30/12	4		123112 - 12/31/12	5	
	053112- 05/31/12	9		CAT 12	2011 - Tax Year	5
	063012 - 06/30/12	9				
	073112- 07/31/12	5				
	083112- 08/31/12	3				
	093012 - 09/30/12	3				
	103112 - 10/31/12	9				
	113012 - 11/30/12	9				
	123112 - 12/31/12	5				

8. Scanline Specifications Format: Form: 2012 IT 941

Size: 7.5" X 3.5"

Description	Number of Positions	Character Length
Employer Withholding Account Number	1-9	8
Check Digit for Employer Withholding Account Number	10-11	1
Period	12-18	6
Check Digit for Period	19-20	1
Employer Withholding Account Number	21-29	8
Check Digit for Employer Withholding Account Number	30-31	1
Form Type	32-34	3

Placement of the Scanline: Will start on line 63 at position 37 and end at position 70. Blank spaces must be as noted. Print zeros in fields that contain no data. The scanline font is OCR-A (12-point size), 10 pitch (pica spacing). **Example:** 51999989 0 002012 3 51999989 0 341



1. Employer Withholding Account Number (8 digits and a space). Ohio withholding account numbers begin with 51, 52 or 53. Any numbers that do not begin with 51, 52 or 53 cannot be processed through our equipment.
2. Check Digit for Employer Withholding Account Number (1 digit and a space).
3. Period (6 digits and a space)

- Position 12 & 13 = **Monthly and Quarterly Filers:**
0 will always appear in these positions.
- Position 14 - 17 = **Monthly and Quarterly Filers:**
Year = 2012

4. Check Digit for Period (1 digit and a space)
5. Employer Withholding Account Number (8 digits and a space)
6. Check Digit for Employer Withholding Account Number (1 digit and a space)
7. Form Type: This will remain a constant “341” on all vouchers.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM FOR APPROVAL IS DECEMBER 17, 2012.

Note: The ICR-readable fields will be the Ohio Withholding Account number, the Federal Employer ID number, Tax Year, Ohio Income Tax Withheld, Previous Payments, Credit and Refund. A minimum of 5 test samples (20 test samples is the maximum) must be submitted for testing. A schedule of dates can be provided upon request. The nine digit postal bar code for this form is 432181208.

Note: The TIN will be the check digit for the Ohio Withholding Account Number plus a zero. For example, if the check digit for the Ohio Withholding Account is 0, then the TIN will be 00.

OHIO IT 941 Ohio Employer's Annual Reconciliation of Income Tax Withheld				Rev. 10/11	Vendor's Registration Number		Do NOT fold check or voucher.
Ohio Withholding Acct. No.	TIN	Federal Employer I.D. No.	Tax Year		ABC		
51 999989	00	12 3456789	2012				
John Q. CitizenXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			1. Ohio Income Tax Withheld	12345678	00		
Jane E. PublicXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			2. Previous Payments	12345678	00		
1234 Any StreetXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			3. Balance Due	\$ 12345678	.00		
Any CityXXXXXXXXXXXX, US 12345-2345			4. Credit	12345678	00		
			5. Refund	12345678	00		
Due On or Before: Jan 31, 2013		<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if amended return.					
I declare under penalties of perjury that this return, including any accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete return and report.							
Signature of responsible party		Title	Telephone number	DO NOT STAPLE OR OTHERWISE ATTACH YOUR CHECK OR CHECK STUB TO THIS COUPON. DO NOT SEND CASH. Return this coupon with check or money order made payable to OHIO TREASURER OF STATE and mail to OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, P.O. BOX 182667, COLUMBUS, OH 43218-2667.			
Your social security number		Date					
51999989 0 002012 3 51999989 0 341							

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51 999989	00	12 3456789	2012	ABC				
John Q. CitizenXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX				1. Ohio Income Tax Withheld	12345678 00			
Jane E. PublicXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX				2. Previous Payments	12345678 00			
1234 Any StreetXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX				3. Balance Due	\$ 12345678.00			
Any CityXXXXXXXXXXXX, US 12345-2345				4. Credit	12345678 00			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Due On or Before:</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Jan 31, 2013</div>				5. Refund	12345678 00			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if amended return.				<small>DO NOT STAPLE OR OTHERWISE ATTACH YOUR CHECK OR CHECK STUB TO THIS COUPON. DO NOT SEND CASH. Return this coupon with check or money order made payable to OHIO TREASURER OF STATE and mail to OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, P.O. BOX 182667, COLUMBUS, OH 43218-2667.</small>				
Signature of responsible party		Title	Telephone number					
Your social security number		Date						
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Ohio Withholding Acct. No.

TIN

Federal Employer I.D. No.

Tax Year

Vendor's
Registration
Number

Do **NOT** fold
check or voucher.

1. Ohio Income
Tax Withheld

2. Previous
Payments

3. **Balance
Due**

4. Credit

5. Refund

Due On or Before:

Check here if
amended return.

I declare under penalties of perjury that this return, including any accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete return and report.

Signature of responsible party

Title

Telephone number

Your social security number

Date

DO NOT STAPLE OR OTHERWISE ATTACH YOUR CHECK OR CHECK STUB TO THIS COUPON. DO NOT SEND CASH. Return this coupon with check or money order made payable to **OHIO TREASURER OF STATE** and mail to OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, P.O. BOX 182667, COLUMBUS, OH 43218-2667.



Reverse Side of IT 941

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Month	Ohio Gross Payroll	Ohio Tax Withheld—Line 1
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Annual Total		